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> PLUG FRAME FOR OPTICAL CONNECTOR COMPONENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as

follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claim 4 and amend claim 3 (with changes shown on the attachment hereto) as follows.

A plug frame according to Claim 2 further 3. (Amended) comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction.